

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                  )                  CASE NO. 5:17CR78  
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PLAINTIFF,                  )                  JUDGE SARA LIOI  
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vs.    )  
    )                  ORDER  
MATTHEW R. GOLECH,                  )  
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DEFENDANT.                  )

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge George J. Limbert's Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT Defendant Matthew R. Golech's ("Defendant") plea of guilty and enter a finding of guilty against Defendant. (Doc. No. 36.)

On March 1, 2017, the government filed an Indictment against Defendant. (Doc. No. 1.) On July 26, 2017, the government filed a Superseding Indictment against Defendant. (Doc. No. 23.) On October 25, 2017, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Limbert for the purpose of receiving Defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 34.)

On November 3, 2017, a hearing was held in which Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment, charging him with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(viii), and to Count 2 of the Superseding Indictment, charging him with Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of 18

U.S.C. Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i). Magistrate Judge Limbert received Defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 36.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the Defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the Defendant is adjudged guilty of Counts 1 and 2 of the Superseding Indictment in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)(viii) and 18 U.S.C. Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i). The sentencing will be held on February 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: November 30, 2017

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HONORABLE SARA LIOI  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE